

The City Focus

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COUNCIL COLUMN



Where has 2017 gone? Let me recap a few recent highlights in our community:

The Virginia Department of Elections issued a mandatory edict to replace touch-screen voting machines with those providing an auditable means for manual recount if necessary. The City Registrar and Electoral Board promptly responded with details and options for Council to consider and approve. With new machines now on hand, we are ready for Election Day, November 7. Remember to get out and vote.

September also saw the implementation of the new Hometown-Hero's Banner Program, which has been an overwhelming success.

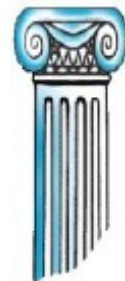
The Colonial Heights Optimist Club celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the BIB Tournament at Shepherd Stadium with the Colonial Heights All-Star Team being tournament champions. What a great accomplishment for these young men, their families and coaches!

Below are items which are moving forward:

- Former Councilman Milton Freeland requested information regarding the progress of the previous and future phases of the Appomattox River Greenway Trail. Staff advised Council of an issue with reimbursement for previous work and progress has been made in this regard. We will continue to look forward to the construction of the next phase.
- The completion date is set for the first part of November for VDOT's contractor for the Temple Avenue roundabout project.
- Kroger has completed the asbestos removal necessary prior to demolition of the old courthouse building. The future of that property is still uncertain. The City will continue to consider how best to facilitate the development of the property.
- After final approval of Ordinance No. 16-29 (AS AMENDED), relating to the parking or storage of recreational vehicles, campers, commercial vehicles, trailers and tractor trailers in certain zoning districts (see article on p.5 of this newsletter), Council continued to discuss governance of poorly maintained neglected private properties in the City.
- The City Council has authorized the City Manager to work with VDOT on resurfacing the next section of the Boulevard from Newcastle Drive to Yew Ave. The work is planned for the Spring of 2018.
- At Council's most recent work session, Council gave direction regarding the creation of a Residential Rehabilitation Tax Exemption Program, encouraging housing renovations; allowing for mobile food trucks to operate on public and private property for special events; and allowing alcohol to be served by permit at limited special events on designated city-owned property. These items can be considered by the Council for future adoption.
- Our Fire, EMS and Police Departments continue to do amazing work to keep us safe and protected. At the request of Fire and EMS, Council recently began the approval process for allocating funds to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and to support the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) efforts. Both departments continue to receive citizen support in the form of volunteerism and donations, which is greatly appreciated.

Well, that's a double mouthful. Everyone be safe, smart, and have a great Holiday season. As we continue to try and work together, we can continue to make our community better. See you at the Christmas Parade.

W. Joe Green, Jr. - Councilman
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Dates of Interest

Dec 5	Christmas Parade 7:00 pm - Boulevard
Dec 6	Planning Commission 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Dec 12	City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Dec 19	City Council Special Meeting 6:00 pm - Council Chambers
Dec 25&26	City Holiday - Christmas
Jan 1	City Holiday - New Year's Day
Jan 2	City Council Organizational Meeting 7:30 pm - Council Chambers
Jan TBD	Planning Commission 7:00pm - Council Chambers
Jan 9	City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Jan 12	City Council Retreat Starts @ 2:00 pm on Jan. 12th Smithfield Station
Feb 7	Planning Commission 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Feb 14	City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Feb 21	City Council Regular Meeting 6:00 pm - Council Chambers

On the Cover...

A group from the Colonial Heights Senior Center enjoys a trip to the historic and beautiful Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, VA for tea and pastries as part of the hotel's Christmas programs. For more information on trips available at the Senior Center contact (804)520-9220.

Want to Learn More About How the City Operates? Apply Now for the Citizens Government Academy

The Citizens Government Academy, a free 8-week program, provides residents with an opportunity to learn more about the operations and services of their City government. Each week, program participants visit different departments to meet the director or elected official and learn about specific departmental operations through hands-on activities, demonstrations, group discussions and site tours.



Academy programs are held each spring (March – May) on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at various facilities throughout the City. Applicants must be 18 years-of-age or older, a resident of the City of Colonial Heights, attend at least 7 out of 8 sessions and participate in the graduation ceremony. Class size is limited.

If you are interested in being considered for a future academy, applications are available at www.colonialheightsva.gov or by contacting the Human Resources Department at carpenterj@colonialheightsva.gov or (804) 524-8749.

Rotary Grant Helps Fund New Playground at Lakeview Park

A recent Rotary International grant in the amount of \$16,500 was awarded to the Recreation & Parks Department to help fund replacement of the playground equipment at Lakeview Park, located at 503 Lake Avenue. The grant proposal was submitted to Rotary International by the Area 7 Rotary Clubs that include the Colonial Heights Rotary Club, Petersburg Rotary Club, and the Petersburg Breakfast Rotary Club. The three groups joined forces to submit the grant which allows for each group to receive \$5,000. By working with the Recreation and Parks Department on this project, they were able to pool their resources together to get the full amount. Each of the three clubs also donated \$500 as part of the total \$16,500 grant to the City. The remaining funds for the playground will come from Sunshine 5K proceeds from the 2014 and 2015 fundraisers, as well as revenue funds from other Recreation and Parks events.



The new playground at Lakeview Park will replace a 20+ year old playground that was in need of repair. The new playground is designed to look like a ship to fit in with its placement near the reservoir at Lakeview Park. The three Rotary Clubs will also be helping during the install of the new playground to place the safety surface material under the playground. They will also be constructing a new gazebo to be placed at the park. Construction of the new playground will be taking place this fall and should be complete by the end of November.

An Important Message from the Fire Department - Close The Door!



Half of all fire deaths in the United States happen at night when most people are asleep. You can increase your odds of survival by doing one simple thing: Close your bedroom door before you go to sleep. Studies show how sleeping with your door closed can help buy lifesaving seconds in a fire, giving valuable time to find a way out or to protect yourself until firefighters can reach you. A closed door can do more than keep smoke out of a room. Closed doors also change the flow of heat and toxic gases, acting as a shield for someone trapped and unable to get out of a fire. New research shows that fires burn faster today as a result of the way newer homes are built. Today's furnishings and open floor plans create scenarios that burn much more quickly than previous structures and their contents. *"If you can't get out of your home, you want a closed door between you and the fire,"* said Steve Kerber, director of the Underwriters Laboratories Firefighter Safety Research Institute. Kerber has conducted hundreds of fire studies at UL working with fire departments across the country. Along with **smoke detectors**, a **closed door** is the best possible thing.

"Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years"

NFPA's survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. **Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.** You can find out how old a smoke alarm is by looking at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

And don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke alarm "every" year when you change your clocks! For more information on home fire safety you can log onto the National Fire Protection Association's website at: www.nfpa.org and click on the Public Education tab or you can contact Colonial Heights Fire & EMS at (804) 520-9387.



News from the Beautification Committee

Neighborhood Holiday Decorations

The Colonial Heights Beautification Committee will once again compile a list of residences with notable holiday decorations. The Committee will drive through neighborhoods between Friday December 8th and Sunday December 9th. The list will be made available on the City website, in the Progress Index, and through the Chamber of Commerce. Please contact Jessica Sears Younce with questions at jjlcnsears@aol.com or by calling (804)919-1164.

POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

With the holidays right around the corner, the Colonial Heights Police Department would like to take a moment to remind everyone about a few holiday crime prevention tips to make your season festive and bright. During the holidays, the potential for thefts and robberies increases. More people are out and about, and they are carrying more gifts and money than during other times of the year. While there is no need to be afraid, you should keep in mind the following holiday safety reminders, no matter where you are:



- Carry your valuables wisely. Do not keep cash in your wallet. Instead, keep it in an inside pocket and only carry the credit cards you will need.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. If you must leave packages in your car, put them in the trunk. Keep receipts with you and always **LOCK YOUR DOORS**.
- Never leave firearms unsecured inside of your vehicle.
- Carry a cell phone with you. If someone makes you feel suspicious or uncomfortable, notify security or call the police.
- Whenever possible, park and walk in well-lit areas. Be aware of your surroundings, especially the people around you. If possible, shop with a friend or, at the very least, let friends and family know where you are and when to expect your return.
- Carry your purse close to you, with the opening or flap towards your body. Never leave a purse unattended in a shopping cart.
- Do not keep a wallet, credit cards or cash in a backpack. If you are in a crowd, consider carrying the backpack in front of you. Pickpockets can quickly and easily remove items from a backpack without being noticed by the owner.
- Protect your credit card numbers and other personal information. Carefully dispose of receipts that have a credit card number on them. Never provide credit card information in response to unsolicited calls or e-mails.
- If you are traveling for the holidays, make your home look "lived in". Have a friend or neighbor collect your mail and newspapers, or have your service suspended while you are away. Use timers to turn lights off and on. Also, do not announce your upcoming holiday travel plans on social media, including the dates you will be out of town.

Happy Holidays to you and your family from the men and women of the Colonial Heights Police Department.

Reminders from Billing & Collections

The 2nd half of 2017 Personal Property Taxes are due December 5, 2017. In order to avoid penalty and interest, these taxes must be paid by the due date. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer from any late charges. Please mail or bring your bill with you when making payment. You may also visit the City of Colonial Heights website and go to the online bill pay. The **DROP BOX** is also available for payments. If you prefer to pay by credit card, you may call (1-888-272-9829). If a receipt is needed, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please pay all Personal Property taxes by the due date to avoid a Vehicle Registration Stop being placed at DMV.

The 2018 Colonial Heights dog and cat tags are due by February 1, 2018. A valid rabies certificate and, for neutered or spayed tags, a document showing whether the dog or cat has been spayed or neutered must be presented.

The cost of a 1 year tag will be as follows:

- Dog or Cat tags: \$10.00 each
- Neutered or spayed tags: \$2.00 each

The cost of a 2 year tag (*if qualified) will be as follows:

- Dog or Cat tags: \$20.00 each
- Neutered or spayed tags: \$4.00 each

The cost of a 3 year tag (*if qualified) will be as follows:

- Dog or Cat tags: \$30.00 each
- Neutered or spayed tags: \$6.00 each

**In order to purchase a 2 or 3 year tag, the rabies must expire in 2019 for 2 year tags and 2020 for 3 year tags. These tags may be purchased through the mail or in the drop box. Please enclose copies of the necessary documents with your payment, and we will mail the tags back to you. All tags must be purchased by February 1, 2018 to avoid a 25% late fee charge.*

If paying by mail, ALL checks should be made payable to "CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS" and mailed to:

Sheila S. Minor, Director of Finance
City of Colonial Heights
Billing & Collections
P. O. Box 3401
201 James Avenue
Colonial Heights, VA 23834-9001

FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

Reminder dates:

November 15, 2017 Second half Real Estate tax is due

December 5, 2017 Second half Personal & Business Property tax is due

December 5, 2017 Supplemental Personal Property tax is due

As we approach 2018, a few items and dates to remember:

- 1) Return blue tangible personal property sheet with changes
- 2) Let us know about any vehicle, motorcycle, boat, trailer, motor home that you have sold in 2017
- 3) Let us know about any new or additional vehicles, motorcycles, boats, trailers or motor home you have purchased in 2017
- 4) Business License renewals begin January 1 with deadline to renew on March 1
- 5) File for Elderly or Disabled Real Estate tax relief by March 31
- 6) File High Mileage Form by January 31

ALL VEHICLES and TRAILERS ARE REQUIRED TO DISPLAY A CITY DECAL!!

City Code Revision

Parking of Vehicles

The Colonial Heights City Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-29 in August of 2017. This ordinance revised sections of Section 286 of the City Code relating to parking or storage of vehicles, campers, trailers, and boats.

The table to the right provides a summary of some of the ordinance provisions. The full text for the chart appears in Section 286-518.05 of the City Code (Note: this Code section does not supersede City Code Section 273-27 - Certain parking restricted in residential districts).

For the Code Enforcement page on the City website (including links to various code provisions), please visit the following link:

<http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/288/Code-Enforcement>

For questions about the code changes in Ordinance No. 16-29 or to request a full copy of this Ordinance, please contact the Planning and Community Development Department at (804) 520-9297.

Vehicle Category	Parking/Storage locations
Tractor-trailer combinations, tractors, trailers; tanker trucks, buses, dump trucks, or concrete mixer trucks	Not allowed to be parked or stored in residentially zoned districts.
Box truck, bucket truck, flatbed truck, and tow truck	No more than one (1) per lot shall be parked in residentially zoned districts in the side or rear yard, behind the front line of the principal structure.
Recreational vehicles, recreational or utility trailer, boats, or campers	No more than a total of three (3) shall be parked or stored in a residential district in the side or rear yard, behind the front line of the principal structure. These vehicles shall not be parked or stored in a residential district in the front yard.

COLONIAL HEIGHTS RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

P.O. Box 3401 / 901 Meridian Avenue

Colonial Heights, VA 23834

www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks

Recreation and Parks Office	(804) 520-9390
Recreation and Parks Fax	(804) 520-0026
Senior Activities & Classes	(804) 520-9220
Senior Transportation	(804) 520-9219
Teen Center	(804) 524-8717
Weather Cancellation Line	(804) 524-8788
Violet Bank Museum	(804) 520-9395

REGISTER BY MAIL

To register by mail, send your registration form with check to:

Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks
P.O. Box 3401
Colonial Heights, VA 23834

REGISTER IN PERSON

To register in-person, please visit our office,
Monday - Friday 8:00am-5:00pm:

Recreation and Parks Office
Shepherd Stadium
901 Meridian Avenue
Colonial Heights, VA 23834

REGISTER OVER THE PHONE

Call the office at (804)520-9390 during office hours to register. All phone-in registrants are responsible for signing a waiver form and returning it to the Recreation office before the first class.

REGISTER ONLINE

To register online, please visit us online at www.colonialheightsva.gov/recandparks and click the register online link.

AFTER HOURS DROPBOX

We have a Drop Box for after hours collection of registrations, payments and uniforms; located in front of the Community Center at 157 Roanoke Ave.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The City accepts Cash, Check, money order and major Credit Cards. Discover card not accepted at this time. Please make checks payable to: "City of Colonial Heights". \$35 fee may apply for returned checks



SPRING ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Ages 16+

Registration is currently being accepted for the Men's and Women's Open Leagues & Church Leagues for the 2018 Spring/Summer Adult Softball Leagues. Registration Deadline for the Spring/Summer season will be Friday, March 9, 2018. Fee: \$600

Primary Game Nights:

Women's Division - Mon nights

Church Divisions - Tue & Thur nights

Men's Divisions - Wed & Thur nights

Game nights are subject to change based on the number of teams registered. Teams must be available to play any weeknight. Teams must supply game balls. Balls must be USSSA Classic M or USSSA Classic Plus.

YOUTH SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for 2018 Spring youth soccer will begin online January 15, 2018 at www.colonialheightssoccer.com. Players from all localities are welcome for an additional \$5 per player. Games/practices will take place at the Soccer Complex behind the Colonial Heights Library. In-person registration will be accepted at the Colonial Heights Library on Sat, Jan 20th and Sat, Feb 24th from 10am-2pm. You must register by March 1st to guarantee a spot and uniform if needed. Practices will begin the middle of March and games will be played on Saturdays beginning late March. For more information email chsainformation@gmail.com.

Fees:	\$40; ages U5-U10 (uniform included)
	\$60; ages U11-U12 (uniform included)
	\$70; ages U13-U18 (uniform included)

YOUTH BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Ages: Boys 4-18 (as of 4/30/18)

Girls 4-15 (as of 1/1/18)

Registration for 2018 youth baseball and softball leagues will begin on January 29, 2018. The deadline to register is March 2nd. To register you must be a City of Colonial Heights resident. Practices begin mid-March. Practice times will vary depending on the amount of teams in each league.

Fee: \$20 until March 2nd; \$30 after March 2nd, children registered after March 2nd may be placed on a waiting list.

Coed:

Rookie League (Instructional)	ages 4-5
Coach Pitch (Instructional)	ages 6-8

Boys:

AAA League	ages 9-10
Major League	ages 11-12
National League	ages 13-15
Big League	ages 16-18

Girls:

Angels	ages 9-10
Darlings	ages 11-12
Belles	ages 13-15

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Ages 6+

Open gym basketball will be offered on Sundays. Full court games will be organized depending on the amount of participants each week. Must be a City of Colonial Heights resident.

Ages 14 and under

Su	12/10-2/25	1-3pm
FREE	CH High School Gym	

Ages 15+

Su	12/10-2/25	3:15-5:15pm
FREE	CH High School Gym	

**No Open Gym on Sunday 12/24*

LITTLE TYKES BASKETBALL

Ages 4-5

Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks will provide a new way to interact with your toddler. Little Tykes Basketball will provide a weekly opportunity for children between the ages of 4 and 5 to learn some basics of the game of basketball. The activity will provide a great environment for your toddler to learn basic skills and have fun learning something new.

Th	1/11-2/8	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$20	North Elem. Gym	

Classes & Activities

BELLY DANCING

Ages 13+

This class is designed to teach the traditional Cabaret Style belly dancing while providing an excellent cardio workout that strengthens your core and your abdominal and lower body muscles. All shapes, sizes, and fitness levels are welcome.

Th	12/7-12/21	6:00pm-7:00pm
Th	1/4-1/25	6:00pm-7:00pm
Th	2/1-2/22	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$30	Community Center	

OKINAWAN KARATE

Ages 5+

The focus of this class is on respecting others, self-control, self-discipline and avoiding confrontation. The emphasis is on the basics such as, falling, balance, flexibility, agility and basic karate techniques. Classes meet every Wednesday and every other Monday; class schedules will be distributed to each participant.

Mo/We	1/3-3/21	5:00pm-6:45pm
\$80	Lakeview Elem. Gym	

TAI CHI

Ages 12+

Tai Chi is a Chinese martial art that is used today to improve health, increase flexibility, and relieve stress. It is also an extremely effective self defense system.

Tu/Th	12/5-12/28	7:00pm-8:00pm
\$50	Lakeview Elem. Gym	

MESS MAKERS

Ages 2-5

Our toddlers can now take part in a new program this season! Introducing "mess-makers", a program designed for young ones to get down and dirty with different sensory objects, textures and smells. Children are able to squish and squeeze different materials with parents while also expressing their imaginations. Parents are encouraged to participate with their little one!

Th	1/4-1/25	10:00am-11:00am
\$20	Community Center	

ART & PIZZA NIGHT

Ages 5-12

Art & Pizza Nights are back! Parents, enjoy a few hours alone while your children engage in different arts and crafts projects. A pizza dinner is provided for all those that attend.

Fr	12/22	6:00pm-8:30pm
Fr	1/19	6:00pm-8:30pm
Fr	2/16	6:00pm-8:30pm
\$10	Community Center	

SANTA'S WORKSHOP W/ BRICKS 4 KIDZ

Ages 2-8

Join Santa and his elves to decorate Christmas cookies and build some holiday memories with Bricks4Kidz. Official Christmas tree lighting to follow the workshop at 6:00pm.

Sa	11/25	4:30pm-6:00pm
\$10	Colonial Heights Courthouse	

SHORTY CHEF & JUNIOR CHEF

Ages 6-12

The theme for this session of cooking classes is "Healthy Cooking". Join the Recreation Department in learning how to cook your favorite foods in a healthier way that still tastes great. Students will learn the fundamentals of preparing simple meals. During the last session participants will engage in making a group meal for their parents or special guest.

Shorty Chef Class (ages 6-8)

We	1/10-2/7	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$40	Community Center	

Junior Chef Class (ages 9-12)

We	2/21-3/21	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$40	Community Center	

WINTER BREAK CAMP

Ages K-5th Grade

Winter Break Camp is a supervised day camp. Campers can enjoy games, crafts, active play and daily field trips. All campers must be registered for this program prior to the start date. Participants can come every day for a weekly rate or can choose the dates they wish to pay for. The registration deadline is December 8th. Activity schedule will be posted the last week in November.

Mo-Fr	12/18-12/22	8:00am-5:30pm
\$80	Community Center	

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT W/ BRICKS 4 KIDZ

Ages 5-13

Each month the Recreation Department will be hosting Bricks-4-Kidz, an organization that provides educational activities. Each month will be a different theme. Children under the age of 5 may register but a parent must accompany them during the class.

December

Exploring the Everglades: Build an alligator with a mouth that opens and closes, an airboat to speed across the water, a bird with wings that flap up and down... and imagine yourself on a journey through the Florida Everglades. This unique and fragile ecosystem is the only sub-tropical preserve in North America, and students will hear what makes it such a special place. Shrink yourself down to minifigure size and climb aboard our airboat tour through the Florida Everglades!

We	12/27	6:00pm-7:30pm
\$10	Community Center	

January

Winter Fun: Don't get left out in the cold! Bring the winter fun indoors with interactive Bricks 4 Kidz models of some popular winter activities from the hair-raising thrill of the luge and the snow mobile! No snow? No problem - all you need to create these winter memories are our bricks and your imagination.

Fr	1/26	6:00pm-7:30pm
\$10	Community Center	

February

A Pirates Quest: Shiver me timbers as we explore the popular culture behind the life of a pirate! We will build a motorized pirate ship and a launching trebuchet. Beware me mateys, if it's too late, you must abandon ship! Watch out for crocodiles!

Fr	2/23	4:30pm-6:00pm
\$10	Community Center	

FIT KID CLUB

Ages 7-13

This program shows kids and teens a variety of ways to engage in exercises through games and sports drills. Each week participants will engage in different activities facilitated by one of the Track and Field members of VSU. Learn new ways to exercise, healthy eating tips and goal development.

Tu	1/1-1/31	6:00pm-7:00pm
\$15	Lakeview Elem. Gym	

Therapeutic

Therapeutic Recreation (TR) uses recreational activities (such as art, games or dance) to help people with disabilities to improve their physical, cognitive and social skills. For example, doing a craft activity might help a child to build fine motor skills, while also giving them an opportunity to think creatively and have fun with peers.

Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks will be introducing a new set of programs for those with special needs including, but not limited to intellectual, physical, emotional or developmental disabilities. These activities will be offered to help enhance their recreation interests and participation. Our overall goal is to offer activities that will increase their quality of life. Each activity will be held on Wednesday's during two time slots and these Wednesday classes will be on a rotating basis. Please see the schedule below for activities. Prior to the activity the participant must register and complete a participant profile. This participant profile identifies current and potential recreation barriers so that our staff knows how to design and implement programming.

ADULT CLASSES (AGES 18+)

1:30PM - 3:00PM FOR ALL DATES

COMMUNITY CENTER

We	1/3	Craft Corner	\$3
We	1/10	Group Exercise	FREE
We	1/17	Bingo	\$3
We	1/24	Sensory Stimulation	\$3
We	1/31	Social Hour	\$3

We	2/7	Craft Corner	\$3
We	2/14	Valentine's Party	\$3
We	2/21	Group Exercise	FREE
We	2/28	Bingo	\$3

We	3/7	Sensory Stimulation	\$3
We	3/14	Social Hour	\$3
We	3/21	Craft Corner	\$3
We	3/28	Group Exercise	FREE

YOUTH CLASSES (17 & UNDER)

5:30PM - 7:00PM FOR ALL DATES

COMMUNITY CENTER

We	1/3	Craft Corner	\$3
We	1/10	Group Exercise	FREE
We	1/17	Bingo	\$3
We	1/24	Sensory Stimulation	\$3
We	1/31	Social Hour	\$3

We	2/7	Craft Corner	\$3
We	2/14	Valentine's Party	\$3
We	2/21	Group Exercise	FREE
We	2/28	Bingo	\$3

We	3/7	Sensory Stimulation	\$3
We	3/14	Social Hour	\$3
We	3/21	Craft Corner	\$3
We	3/28	Group Exercise	FREE

Join us for our Therapeutic Recreation Meet & Greet

Join us for a program meet and greet on Thursday, December 28th from 5-7pm at the Colonial Heights Community Center. Our program facilitator, staff and volunteers will be able to discuss the program goals and opportunities. This event will allow you to ask questions, complete the participant profile and to enjoy refreshments. There will be an opportunity for your child to participate in interactive activities. For further details please contact AJ Barksdale, CTRS at 520-9390.

Colonial Heights Recreation & Parks Wins State Award for Mess Makers Program

Over 500 delegates from around the state gathered October 21-24 at the 63rd Annual Conference of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. The conference is a learning exchange and provides an opportunity for recreation and park professionals to discuss areas of common interest. Highlighting each year's conference is a formal presentation of awards. This state-wide program honors individuals, departments and organizations throughout Virginia who have demonstrated excellence in any of several areas during the previous year. Over 100 applications were received vying for awards in 14 different categories. Judged by a jury of its peers, Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks, was selected for the Best New Program Award for its Mess Makers program. Mess Makers is a program designed for children to get down and dirty with different sensory objects, textures and smells. Children are able to squish and squeeze different materials with parents while also expressing their imaginations.



Trips

MAGGIE WALKER HOUSE - TOUR & LUNCH

Maggie Lena Walker devoted her life to civil rights advancement, economic empowerment, and educational opportunities for Jim Crow-era African Americans and women. As a bank president, newspaper editor, and fraternal leader, Walker served as an inspiration of pride and progress. Today, Walker's home is preserved as a tribute to her enduring legacy of vision, courage, and determination.

We 1/24 Depart at 9:00am
\$8 (Lunch on your own)

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS: TERRACOTTA ARMY

First discovered in 1974 by farmers in China, an underground army of nearly 8,000 life-size terracotta figures is known as one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20th century. This exhibition features ten majestic terracotta figures, including a cavalry horse, among 130 works that tell the story of China's birth and one man's lasting imprint on a nation.

Fr 2/2 Depart at 12:00pm
\$48 Includes admission, transportation, meal card

THE BRANCH MUSEUM OF ARCHITECTURE & FINE DESIGN

The Branch Museum of Architecture and Design is dedicated to revealing the inherent beauty of the created form and space, igniting a passion for design. Located in a 1919 27,000-square-foot landmark Tudor Revival mansion at 2501 Monument Ave.

We 2/28 Depart at 12:00pm
\$10 (Includes admission & transportation)

JOHN MARSHALL HOUSE TOUR

John Marshall, known as the great Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, built this dignified house in 1790 and made it his home for forty-five years. The house is an outstanding example of Federal architecture and retains most of its original features.

Fr 3/2 Depart at 10:00am
\$14 (Includes admission & transportation)

RIVERSIDE THEATER FREDERICKSBURG, VA

For the following performances, we will depart from the Senior Center at 10:00am and return back to the center at approximately 6:30pm on all dates. Price includes van transportation, ticket to show, and lunch. Sign up early, limited tickets!

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME

Based on the Victor Hugo novel and songs from the Disney film. As the bells of Notre Dame resound through the famed cathedral in 15th-century Paris, Quasimodo, the deformed bell-ringer who longs to be "Out There," observes all of Paris reveling in the Feast of Fools.

We 4/4 10:00am-6:30pm \$62

ALWAYS: PATSY CLINE

Always...Patsy Cline is based on the true story of Patsy Cline's friendship with Houston housewife Louise Seger.

We 5/30 10:00am-6:30pm \$64

A CHORUS LINE

A Chorus Line is a musical with music by Marvin Hamlisch, lyrics by Edward Kleban and a book by James Kirkwood, Jr. and Nicholas Dante. Centered on seventeen Broadway dancers auditioning for spots on a chorus line, the musical is set on the bare stage of a Broadway theatre during an audition for a musical. A Chorus Line provides a glimpse into the personalities of the performers and the choreographer as they describe the events that have shaped their lives and their decisions to become dancers.

We 8/29 10:00am-6:30pm \$64

Recreation & Parks Department Releasing New Registration Software this Winter

In an effort to better serve Colonial Heights residents and program participants, the Recreation & Parks Department will be releasing its new registration software in late December of this year. The new software is more user friendly, visually appealing, more cost effective, and provides a seamless registration process for those registering online. The new software, by CivicRec, will have the same look and feel as the City's website and provide a similar payment portal for making payments online. Program participants will also be able to sign any waivers and forms online as part of the registration process, as well as have any program information or flyers attached to their registration. Look for more information and announcements later this Winter.

You may also contact the Recreation & Parks Department at (804)520-9390 with any questions or concerns as the transition to the new software is made this Winter.

Senior Center

SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Citizen Center is adjacent to the Community Building at 157 Roanoke Avenue. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Center is open to adults 50 years of age and older who are City Residents. All Senior Citizen programs are FREE unless noted.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Department operates 8am-4pm Monday-Friday, except City Holidays. Senior Citizens sixty (60) years of age or older that are City of Colonial Heights residents, needing transportation for medical, business, or personal reasons may obtain rides throughout the City of Colonial Heights. Transportation is provided to Petersburg, Hopewell and Fort Lee for medical appointments only. Vans are equipped with hydraulic lifts for wheel-chairs. Reservations must be called in 24 hours in advance of your appointment. Please call 520-9219 for further information.

SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

The Senior Citizen Club was organized in 1968. It is open to Senior Citizens 50 years of age and older who are City Residents. The Club meets at 1:15 pm on the first three Thursdays of the month at the Community Center and on the fourth Thursday of the month at Golden Corral Restaurant. For information on being part of this Club contact 520-9220.

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ACTIVITY & FITNESS MONTHLY CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday

8:30am Muscles in Motion
9:30am Tai Chi (*Library*)
9:30am Bowling (*League Fee*)
10:00am Strength & Stretch
11:00am Zumba Gold (*Donation*)
1:00pm Creative Coloring
1:30pm Pickle Ball (*Swift Creek Baptist Church*)
3:00pm Computer Class (*sign up*)
4:00pm Beginners Sewing (*sign-up \$12*)

Tuesday

9:00am Yoga
9:30am BP Screening (*3rd Tue*)
10:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:00am Bunco
12:00pm Duplicate Bridge
1:00pm Bingo
1:30pm Water Aerobics (*HCC - \$2*)
3-6pm Quilts for Vets (*Last Tue*)
3:00pm Open Sew (*1st, 2nd & 3rd Tues*)

Wednesday

8:30am Muscles in Motion
10:00am Strength & Stretch
10:00am Crochet & Knitting Group
11:00am Line Dancing
11:30am Pickle Ball (*Swift Creek Baptist Church*)
12:00pm Party Bridge
4:00pm Beginners Sewing (*sign-up \$12*)

Thursday

9:00am Yoga
9:30am Sing-A-Long
10:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit
11:00am Sit & Let's Get Fit
12:45pm BP Screening (*1st Thur*)
1:15pm Senior Citizens Club Mtg.
2:00pm Watercolor

Friday

8:30am Muscles in Motion
10:00am Strength & Stretch
1:00pm Computer Class (*sign up*)
1:30pm Water Aerobics (*HCC - \$2*)
5:30pm Open Paint
7:00pm Senior Dance (*2nd Fri - \$6*)

Don't forget:

2018 Facility Reservations
begin December 1st
in our office

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Neighborhood Leaf Removal Service - Fall 2017/Winter 2018

Convenient Service during Fall Season

The City of Colonial Heights Department of Public Works is pleased to announce that convenient leaf removal services will be provided in city neighborhoods again this year. Each fall, residents collect and stockpile loose leaves along city streets, which city crews remove and make available to local recycling businesses. During the 2016/17 season, city crews collected approximately 3,000 cubic yards of leaves.

Year Round Service Option

Bagged leaves are collected year round and may be placed at the curbside on regular trash collection days. The limit per collection day is 30 bags, each weighing no more than 50 pounds.

Neighborhood Service Areas

This year leaf removal operations will occur in three main service areas, each consisting of three to four neighborhoods. Figure 1 (next page) shows the service areas and schedules. Signs will be installed on adjacent thoroughfares to let residents know in advance when service is scheduled in their area. Please note that the time for service in each area is subject to change depending on inclement weather conditions and other events beyond the City's control.

Scheduled Time of Service

Leaves will be collected and removed during the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning November 13, 2017 and ending February 4, 2018.

Preparing Leaves for City Collection

Residents are asked to place leaves along street frontages and roadsides one week before service is scheduled to begin in their neighborhood, *as only one (1) pass will be made on each street during the scheduled collection service for the area.* No leaves will be removed except during regularly scheduled times. Leaves that are not placed before regularly scheduled removal times will be removed during the next regularly scheduled service in the area. City crews cannot remove leaves from private property.

Avoid Mixing Leaves with Other Debris

Residents are asked to keep leaf piles free of tree branches, lumber, steel, rock, concrete or other debris. Hard objects mixed with leaves are hazardous and may damage leaf vacuum equipment causing unnecessary time and expense to repair or replace.

Neighborhood Parking During Leaf Removal Service

Residents can assist city leaf removal operations by keeping parked vehicles clear of leaf piles. The use of offstreet parking is encouraged wherever available. "No Parking" signs may be used to restrict parking on neighborhood streets while city crews remove leaf piles. To avoid damaging personal property, city crews will not rake leaf piles out from under or between parked cars.

More Information

Residents may contact the Public Works Department at 520-9372 for more information about this convenient neighborhood service.



City of Colonial Heights
4th Annual
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
Saturday November 25th
4:30-7:00 PM
Courthouse
550 Boulevard

Featuring
Santa's Workshop w/ Bricks 4 Kidz
4:30pm (\$10) -
Must pre-register

Live Entertainment 6pm

Tree Lighting 6:30pm


For more information or to register for Santa's Workshop contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 520-9390.

Library Launches New Online Magazine Service

The Colonial Heights Public Library has launched a new online magazine service that allows residents to select from hundreds of downloadable, popular e-magazines. Details for accessing the new RBdigital magazine collection can be found at <http://colonialheightsva.gov/936/RB-Digital>.

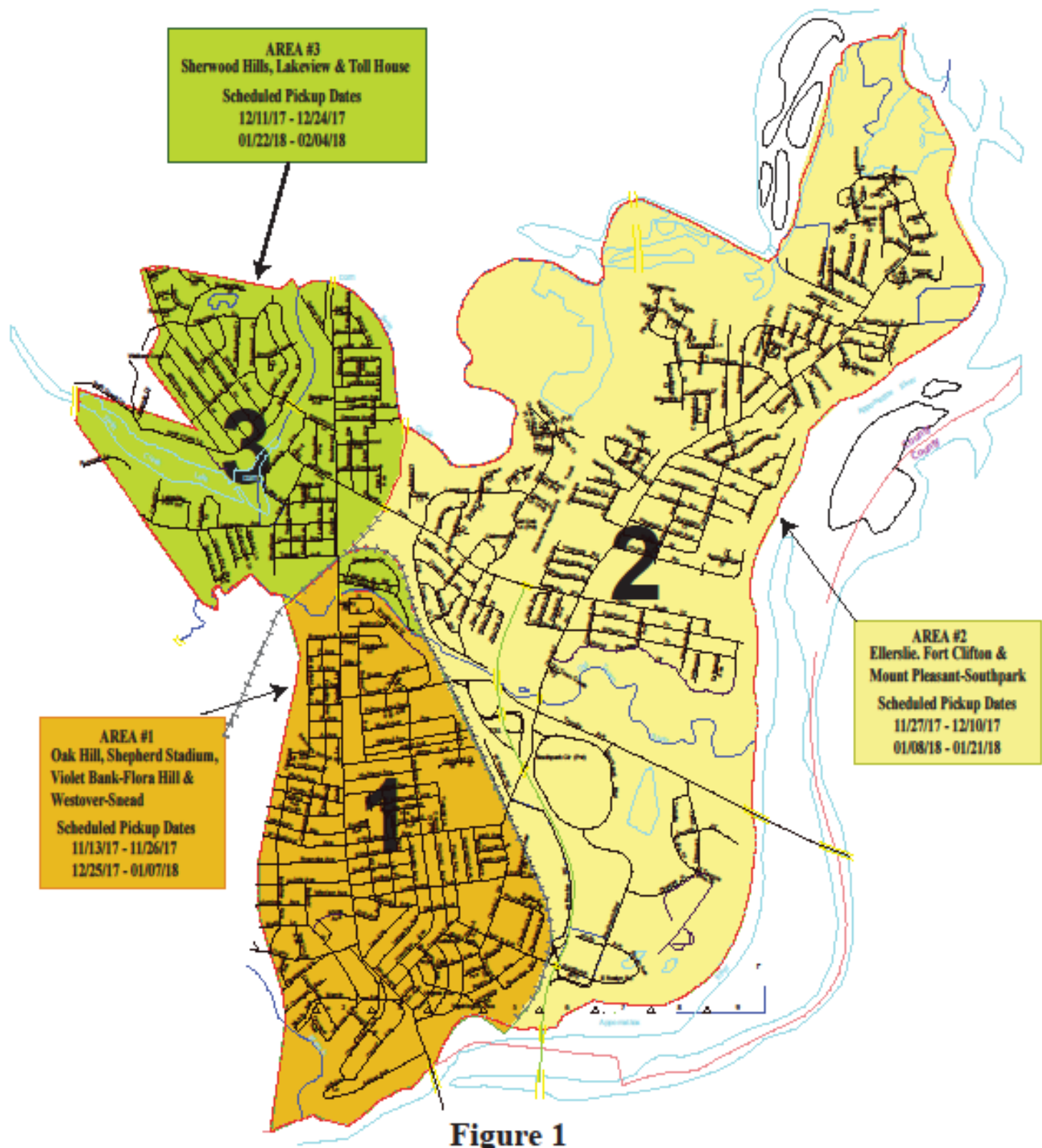
In addition, the library has an online library of thousands of e-audiobooks and e-books ready for downloading. The digital audiobooks can make the commuters or traveler's trip far more interesting, and can be accessed by download-

ing the "Hoopladigital" app, and logging in with your library card number. Please contact the library at (804)520-9384 with any questions.





Neighborhood Leaf Removal Schedule Fall 2017/Winter 2018



Turkey Trot Time



- \$75 Family Pack (2 Adults + 4 School Students)
- \$70 Team of 4 Adults (18 and over)
- \$35 Adult w/ Hooded Sweatshirt
- \$30 Student w/Hooded Sweatshirt
- \$20 Adults (18 and over)
- \$15 School Students (6-17)
- \$12 School Supporter (T-shirt ONLY)
- \$12 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk (Adult or Student)
- Children 5 & under FREE (shirt not included)

6th Annual 2017 Turkey Trot 5k
Colonial Heights Technical Center

November 23rd at 9:00 am

Register Today!!

www.colonialheightschamber.com



Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Theme: "All I Want for Christmas"

Parade Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

This year's 65th Annual Christmas Parade – a long-time Colonial Heights tradition – will occur on Tuesday, December 5 on the Boulevard. Originated in 1953 by the Colonial Heights Optimist Club, the nighttime parade is a unique event that draws people from all over the Tri-Cities area. Since 1961, the parade has been organized by the Colonial Heights Jaycees - making the parade a true community event. Beginning in 2014, the City of Colonial Heights assumed management of the Annual Christmas Parade.

Among city staff, the primary coordinator of this year's Parade will be the Recreation & Parks Department. All inquiries regarding the Parade should be made through the Department by calling (804) 520-9390 or by emailing the following address: christmasparade@colonialheightsva.gov.

This year the parade will begin at the Temple Ave and Boulevard intersection and continue south on the Boulevard ending at the Colonial Heights Courthouse. The Boulevard will be closed southbound at Lakeview Ave and two lanes will remain open northbound from Temple Ave. For more information on this year's route please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at (804)520-9390.

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